

King County at a Glance

Population Statistics :

Population Statistics As of April 1, 1998			
	King County Cities	Unincorporated King County	King County Population
1988	842,271	571,629	1,413,900
1989	855,544	590,456	1,446,000
1990	993,495	513,824	1,507,319
1991	1,009,893	532,407	1,542,300
1992	1,023,719	540,781	1,564,500
1993	1,076,045	511,655	1,587,700
1994	1,092,300	507,200	1,599,500
1995	1,116,200	497,400	1,613,600
1996	1,196,900	431,900	1,628,800
1997	1,214,100	432,100	1,646,200
1998	1,260,900	404,900	1,665,800

Land Area and Population Density:

2,134 square miles total area
 1,787 square miles unincorporated area
 347 square miles in 37 cities

Population density per square mile: 780.6.
 Unincorporated population density per square mile: 227
 Incorporated population density per square mile 3,634

Twelve Largest Employers	1995
The Boeing Co.	City of Seattle
University of Washington	Group Health Cooperative
Metro-King County government	Swedish Hospital
Safeway Stores Inc.	Seafirst Corp.
U S Postal Service	Nordstrom
Microsoft Corp.	U S West Communications

King County Employment Categories:

Average Monthly Employment and Total Wages in Covered Employment, 1996				
Industry	Average Number of Employees	Percent of Total	Wages Paid (\$ in 000's)	Percent of Total
Services	288,745	29.2	10,212,195	29.7
Retail Trade	168,801	17.0	3,115,487	9.1
Manufacturing	140,108	14.1	6,064,933	17.9
Government	133,328	13.5	4,654,234	13.6
Wholesale Trade	74,358	7.5	2,984,409	8.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64,369	6.5	2,591,741	7.6
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	66,825	6.7	2,576,840	7.6
Construction	45,136	4.6	1,580,454	4.7
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	8,107	0.8	235,524	0.8
Other	515	0.1	19,512	0.1
1994 Total	990,292	100	34,035,330	100

Highest Elevation Point: Mount Daniels 7,986 Feet

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Lowest Elevation Point: Sea Level

Lakes: 760 lakes and reservoirs in King County.

Parks: 650 parks and recreation areas.

Precipitation* (inches) 1964-1993 Average

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Record	5.63	4.19	3.7	2.54	1.68	1.51	0.77	1.07	1.88	3.51	5.79	5.82
Mean												

Temperature* (degrees Fahrenheit) 1964-1993 Average

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Record	39.3	42.7	44.9	49.0	55.3	60.3	64.6	64.6	60.0	52.3	44.7	40.5
Mean												
Max	44.3	48.8	52.0	57.2	64.4	69.5	75.0	74.6	69.1	59.4	50.2	45.3
Min	34.2	36.5	37.7	40.8	46.2	51.1	54.2	54.5	50.9	45.1	39.2	35.7

*Data above are from Local Climatological Data Annual Summary with Comparative Data 1993 for the Seattle/Tacoma Airport

Licensed Drivers: 1,256,370 in 1996

Licensed Vehicles: 1,534,275 in 1996

Number of Institutions of Higher Learning:

Number of Major Four-Year Colleges and Universities Public and Independent: 7

Number of Public Community and Technical Colleges: 10

April Population by Racial Categories and for Hispanic Origin							
Year	Total	White	Black	Indian	Asian	Other	Hispanic Origin*
1980	1,269,749	1,122,011	55,950	12,437	62,459	16,892	26,631
1990	1,507,319	1,278,532	76,289	17,305	118,784	16,409	44,337
1990 (rev.)	1,507,319	1,291,916	77,240	18,109	120,054	0 **	44,337
1996 (est.)	1,628,800	1,338,940	91,510	21,080	177,270	0 **	58,570

*Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race.

** According to the new federal standard, persons who identified themselves as "Other race" are assigned to one of four race categories, White, Black, Native American, or Asian/Pacific Islander, which add to the total population.

County Population by Selected Age Category as of April 1, 1996			
Age	Population	Age	Population
0-4	109,723	35-54	542,465
5-9	120,203	55-64	118,287
10-14	108,023	65-74	95,608
15-19	97,635	Over 75	81,483
20-34	355,373	Total	1,628,800